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Amdt. dated January 5, 2007
Response to Office Action dated October 20, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 3-9 and 12-18.

Applicants have amended dependent claims 3 and 12 by putting them into independent form. Claim 2 has been amended to depend upon now-allowable claim 3. Claim 11 has been amended to depend upon now-allowable claim 12. Claim 15 amended to remove reference number.

In light of the amendments, Applicants request that the rejections raised be withdrawn.

Replacement drawing sheets have been submitted in response to Examiner's drawing objections. Legends have been added to FIG. 1 and FIG. 3 to better clarify discussion presented in the Specification. These changes are supported by the Specification.

Applicants believed they have addressed the Examiner's concerns and the claims, as amended, are allowable. A timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4019.

Respectfully submitted,

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